

Norms for selecting Directors of IITs

†1448. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The norms for selection for the post of Director of UTs;

(b) whether it is a fact that non-technical persons have been appointed as Directors in I.I.T. Delhi and Mumbai; if so, the names thereof and whether this decision is based on the norms fixed for the post of Director; and

(c) if not, whether Government would reconsider this decision?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Director(s) of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are appointed by the Council of IITs with the prior approval of the Visitor. This is done by the Council through a Search-cum-Selection Committee that follows an established procedure for selection.

(b) No, Sir. Prof. Ashok Misra and Prof. R.S. Sirohi, Directors of IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi respectively are both persons of eminence with sound technical background, long-experience of teaching in the IIT system and significant contributions to research. They are also Fellows of Indian National Academy of Engineering. They have been selected following the established procedure.

(c) Question does not arise.

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